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Inventory No:	EAS.36
Historic Name:	Higgins, Eldad A. House
Common Name:	Lower Cape Human Services Office
Address:	3265 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	11-050
Year Constructed:	c 1858
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Business Office; Other Commercial; Other Governmental or Civic; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's
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Area(s)

Form Number

36

Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

3265 State Highway

Historic Name

Present Residential

Original "

Year of Construction Pre-1858

See Bibliography*

Form Side-gable, Center-entry
Vernacular

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Free-standing, Modern Workshop

Major Alterations (with dates)
See Architectural Description.

Condition Fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .85 Acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled, mixed-use section of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare, the former county road and a continuation of the original Old King's Highway.

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BUILDING FORM

3265 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Although it has been subject to some alteration, this 1 1/2-story, 5 x 2 bay side-gable, center-entry dwelling is still representative of the full cape, the most common of the Cape Cod house form, prevalent throughout the area and common to Eastham. The main block has been expanded to the rear with the addition of a 1 1/2-story, rectangular, gable-roofed, rear ell to which a full-length, shed-roofed addition has been made along the south elevation.

An unlabeled photograph in the house file at the archives which cannot be confirmed as this house from observation, suggests this dwelling may have had a full-width, front porch with closed rail. The photo otherwise resembles this house in massing and plan. Detail is limited to end boards and a boxed, molded cornice except for the enhanced entry which includes paneled pilasters supporting an entablature. The front door has been replaced with a 4-panel Italianate door with elongated, rectangular upper panels. Fenestration has also been modified: 2/2, double-hung sash exists on the second floor and 2/1 sash has been installed on the first floor. All have plain trim. The house was owned by Lower Cape Human Services in the late 1970's. It is likely that the exterior stair and second means of egress on the south elevation were installed at that time. The only surviving chimney exists on the rear ell. If the photograph in the file is appropriate a reduced central chimney existed at the turn of the century.

A modern work shop stands southwest of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Research completed in 1992 by Nancy Heller on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives traces this property to Cynthia A. Higgins (b. 1848; d. 1917) and Eldad A. Higgins (b. 1838; d. 1919). They left the property c. 1859, and at the turn of the century are listed as living on Bridge Road at the corner of Depot Road. In 1883, Eldad Higgins had become the second station master at Eastham.

Nancy Heller documented ownership through the Institute for Savings in Barnstable (Bk.69; Pg.103, no date cited) to Isaiah H. Horton. She also indicates that a store attached to the dwelling had been previously sold to Nehemiah M. Baker of Wellfleet (Bk. 70; Pg. variously, 50, 550, no date cited).

There were apparently at least 3 Isaiah H. Horton's in Eastham. The purchaser of this property according to Nancy Heller was Isaiah H. Horton married to Louisa Horton. An Isaiah H. Horton is noted in Deyo as married to Louisa (Doane) Horton, but no other biographical information on the couple is provided.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Nancy Heller indicates the siblings of Isaiah and Louisa Horton gave their share in the homestead to Reuben H. Horton in 1888 (b. 1845; d. 1925). In the 1901 directory he is listed as a fisherman.

Subsequent owners prior to 1945 appear to have been Chester F. Horton? (surname not listed in file) et. al. (Bk. 362; Pg. 119) and Mary E. Delaney (Bk.450; Pg. 279).

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